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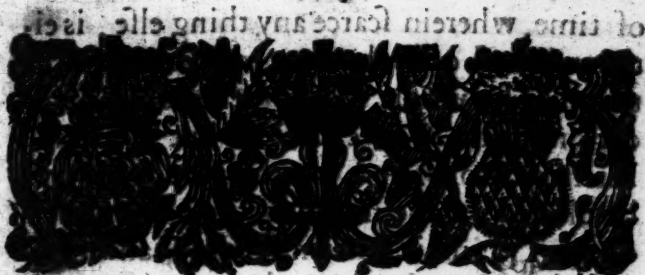
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October 26. 1664.

SIR,

That there is sixteen hundred years
 That our former and friendly Corre-
 spondence may not dye, though of
 a long time I have not heard from
 you, yet hoping this will find you living,
 and in good health, give me leave to ac-
 quaint you of what I know concerning the
 proceedings of the *Israelites*, in this juncture

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of time, wherein scarce any thing else is either call'd for, or look'd after, in comparison of them. The whole World we see is out of order, nothing to be expected but Wars and Intestine Broils; and whether the Lord will be pleas'd in the midst of these Combustions to call in his Ancient People, and magnifie his Name in them, he only knoweth. On the 13 instant, by the foulness of the weather and storms, put into this place a Ship, from whence she came we cannot tell, but our Professor of the Tongues and Languages having notice thereof, went down unto them, but could not understand them; he supposes they spoke broken *Hebrew*, and by a Letter they had in High-Dutch, they found them bound for *Amsterdam*, and to have correspondence with their Brethren (the *Jews*) there; Which Letter further relates, That there is Sixteen hundred thousand of them together in *Arabia*, and that there came into *Europe* Sixty Thousand more; as likewise, that they have had Encounters with the *Turks*, and slain great numbers of them; none are able to stand against them: They give Liberty of Conscience

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science to all, except the *Turks*, endeavouring
the utter Ruine and Extirpation of them :
As for their Ship, the Sails thereof are white
branched Satin, and all their Ropes are
Silk of the same colour; and in the Sails
was this Inscription in fair Red Characters,
**THESE ARE OF THE TEN TRIBES
OF ISRAEL**; which was to discover
them to be *Jews*: Their Food on board was
only Rice and Honey; As for their Habie
(or Clothing) it is of black and blew. It
seems they have sent to all remarkable pla-
ces in the VWorld to their Brethren, to give
them notice of their proceedings, to the end
they may come unto, and joyn with them.
I suppose you have not been ignorant of
the Letters from several parts, the noise of them
being communicated to most parts of Chri-
stendom. Thus have I given you an account of
the *Jews*, assuring you, that there's not a tittle in
it but what is truth, being all as the present state
this place affords. And, hoping to hear from
you so soon as possible, I remain

Your Friend and Servant.

A Letter from Antwerp, Octob. 1665.

Since the last I received from you, I have had occasion to speak with one that is well informed of the proceedings of the *Israelites*; he tells me, That they appear in great numbers in several places: The first mentioned appears in *Arabia*, they are said to possess themselves in *Arak*, but as the first, the *Jews* that lived amongst the *Turks* would not acknowledge them to be their Brethren, but said they were a sort of *Arabs*, that lived in the mountainous parts of *Arabia the Happy*; but now they say they are *Israelites*, and sent by the ten Tribes to be their fore-runners. Another Company are said to move from the East and North East Countrey of *Asia*. The third and great Company in the Desert Goth of *Morocco*, which is as I conceive, not far from *Cape de Ver*, but more within the Land; they consist of 8000 Companies, the least of them contain 100 men, and some of them 1000. A *Jew* that lives in these parts came into *And* in *Barbary*, *August* last, and taking the Book of the Law into his hand, did swear by it, That he came lately from them, and had spoken with them, and saw them in that number aforementioned, and that they are armed with Swords, Spears and Bows, and no fire-Arms are found amongst them. This *Jew* did not understand the Language ordinarily spoken by them, but many of them spoke *Hebrew*, in which he discoursed with them; their Leader is said to be a holy man, understandeth all languages, and worketh Miracles.

This is by a *Jew* living in *Italy* to his Brother in *Holland*, and upon that Report which he received from the fore-mentioned person who had been with them, and is credited with his

his brethren; he saith, they put all to the sword except ~~them~~; they rest upon the Sabbath day, and no fire is seen in their Camp; their women and children stay some where behind them, and follow at a distance, none are seen with them; they dig in a Mountain in the Desert for a Trumpet, and say, that when they find it, all Nations will be gathered to them upon the sound thereof.

In dispute with my Informer, I raised many objections concerning the places from whence they came, as also the manner of their coming, viz. Being in a spirit of *Judaism*, in great power, led by a holy man, doing great miracles, and all things answering the description of the Messiah, they may expect that it would be a testimony that the Christians and other people and Nations should be gathered in to the *Jews*, and not the *Jews* into Christ.

To the first he said, Those in *Arabia* are of the same company with them that appear south of *Morocco*, and all of them seem to lye hid in the Inland Countrey of *Africa*, extending themselves over the vast Tract of Land comprehending all between the two Tropicks, almost as far as the Cape of *Good Hope*.

He thinketh them to be the white people of whom the Inhabitants of *Guinea* use to speak, who will not mix themselves with their neighbours, nor have any other commerce with them, they in the night bring Merchandises to set places, and in exchange to have salt and other necessities as they want, but will be seen by none, such as went from them, are one half of their way to *Mekka*, he thinketh they possessed the *Arabians* Countrey, and went out of *Africa* into *America*, by the strait of the entry into the Red-Sea, but whether by Boat or Miracle, he knows not; those in the Gulf seemed to have lived in the North part of *Asia*, towards the strait of *Amion*, from whence *Manasseh Ben-Israel* came, though

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though many of them past into *America*; also he saith, that
they having suffered great afflictions for the sins of their fa-
thers, are now come out from Idolatry, to live according to
the purity and perfection of the Law, and shall from thence
be raised to the knowledge of Christ; he understandeth this
of a Nation to be born in a day, and their Conversion to be
their birth: He thinketh, that the Law becometh true and good,
and given them by God, it is suitable to his proceedings a-
mongst men, to give a testimony of his presence with those
who have not heard of a Christ, neither are of the posterity
of those that slew him, but of the ten Tribes formerly car-
ried into Captivity, and that they are thereby prepared to re-
ceive the Gospel, he further saith, That all the Churches cal-
led by the Name of Christians, are full of vanity, and that
they must be purged to whom Christ will teach his truth,
and from them shall run a stream overflowing the whole
world, whereby the Powers of the world shall be overthrown,
and the Right of Christ in and with his Saints shall then begin
to be established. He pitches much upon 1666, and confi-
dently believes, That all the Prophecies of the Old and New
Testament Centers in it, it being the time that shall give be-
ginning to that holy and Spiritual Kingdome. I have spo-
ken largely of this, believing you will be willing to hear
what is related, and upon what grounds.
There are more Letters from *Lebanon* to confirm the former
News, and they say more, That the *Turks* were in a City near
Mexico, called *Mitla*, from whence came 12000 *Turks*; who
marched up against the *Israelites*, of which there was slain
8000 of them, their own swords and Muskets turning against
themselves: by the next we shall hear more. From *Lebanon*
we are in expectation of very good news.

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